

**Opera House - Johnson****2-NIGHTS-2****Wednesday and Thursday  
Dec. 29 & 30****J. B. Swafford's Players in all  
New Plays  
New Specialties  
New Scenery****Wednesday Evening The Sims of the Father**  
**Thursday Evening Watch Your Step****The Show that Makes Good  
Everywhere****Prices 15c, 25c & 35c****JOHNSON**Renew your subscription now.  
Master Robert Barrows is ill of bilious grip.

Elbridge Pennock is home from Littleton, N. H.

Mrs. Dayton Smalley was in Burlington Friday.

Mrs. Lottie Tibbitts is visiting in North Hyde Park.

Harlan Dyke is home from his school in Warren, N. H.

Miss Amy Perry is home from the school at Richford.

Nye, Jones and Saleeby all report a good holiday trade.

Gov. Stearns and wife were visitors in Burlington Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Perry, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

The U. V. M. students are all at home for the holiday vacation.

The post office will be closed Saturday from 10:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

M. E. Brewster and daughter, Florence, were in Morrisville Saturday.

E. H. Sherwin is tending the station at East Hardwick for a short time.

Miss Ella Waters is home from her school at South Troy for the vacation.

Miss Grace Waite, who has been home several weeks, returned to Barre Monday.

Mrs. E. G. French of Hardwick came Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. F. W. Leslie.

Little Burnett Green of Essex Junction is visiting her mother, Mrs. F. F. Boyce.

Ralph Nye of Cambridge is assisting his uncle, W. H. Nye, in the store for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Worthley are spending Christmas with his people in Bradford.

Miss Alice Worthen and girl friend from Colchester is visiting her uncle, Fred Worthen.

George Baker, son of Carroll Baker, came home Saturday from the Agricultural school at Lyndon.

Ray and Lou Davis of Dixville, N. H., called on Mrs. J. C. Davis Saturday on their way to Hyde Park.

L. C. Gage has bought a farm in Derby and returned to Johnson for his goods, which were stored here.

Mrs. Stevens, mother of Mrs. D. A. Barrows, who has been with her daughter for several weeks, returned Wednesday to Orleans.

Miss Lottie Doan of the telephone office is visiting at her home in Bakersfield and Miss Carrie Hubbard, who has been teaching in Waitsfield, is taking her place in the office.

Veterans' Night was observed last Friday night by S. C. Hill Camp, S. of V., being a very pleasant occasion. Guests were present from Hardwick, Morrisville and Jeffersonville.

Rev. and Mrs. Hazen were at Crafts-bury yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. S. H. Graham, mother of Hon. Horace Graham. Mr. Hazen was the officiating clergyman.

Mrs. H. W. Peck went to North Hero Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. Allen Dodds. She will also visit her parents in Rutland and daughter, Mrs. Roland Stafford, in Pittsford before returning home.

At the Cong'l church Sunday morning the service was in keeping with the Christmas spirit. The sermon by the pastor, Rev. F. W. Hazen, was full of Christmas thought. The church was beautifully decorated for the season. The music was fine and the entire service greatly enjoyed.

Swafford Players Return

The Swafford Players, with all new plays, will be the attraction at the Opera House, Johnson, for two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 29 and 30, presenting on that occasion—Wednesday night, "The Sims of the Father", and on Thursday evening, the roaring farce-comedy, "Watch Your Step." All new specialties and special scenery. The prices will be the same as on their last visit.

Community Christmas Tree

The Community Christmas Tree Celebration will be held at the town hall on Friday evening at 7:30. An interesting program is being arranged and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody in town, children or adults. Plans are being made by which the distribution of gifts will take less time and cause less confusion than in preceding years.

**Normal School Notes****THE DELPHIAN SOCIETY**

On the evening of Dec. 16, the Delphian Society presented its first play of a serious character. This was "The Land of Heart's Desire", by William Butler Yeats. This author is one of the greatest living Irish poets, whose plays present the primitive legends of his own country, legends full of imagination and mystery.

In his introduction, Mr. Siple spoke of the powerful hold that belief in elf had formerly had upon the emotions of the peasantry, and explained the necessity of understanding the setting of this drama within the drama world of folk lore and tradition, which has made it one of the most popular of the Irish plays. Miss Elliot then sang three Irish folk songs.

In the play that followed, Miss Chandler gave a clear and vivid interpretation of the young bride's rebellion against the restraints of custom, religion and the tyrant in the home. The part of the fairy child, personifying the appeal of the drama world to the young wife's emotional nature, was taken by Miss Cross with much sincerity and charm. Miss Tyndall as Father Hart, represented the best ideals of the people.

The excellence of this first presentation leads to the hope that during the year a public performance may be given of "The Heart's Desire."

The full cast of characters follows:—

Father Hart, a priest, Miss Alice Tyndall

Maurteen Bruin, a peasant, Miss Mabel Capsey

Bridget Bruin, Maurteen's wife and a typical scold, Miss Beulah McFarland

Shawn Bruin, Maurteen's son, Miss Doris Sears

Maire, bride of Shawn, Miss M. Glenn Chandler

Fairy Child, personification of folk-lore and fairy tradition, Miss Ida M. Cross

Congregational Church

During the remainder of the winter, the Mid-week services will be held in the homes of the parish, and the meeting this week will be at Mrs. Fullington's on Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock. The subject is "The Christmas Gift."

Next Sunday morning the choir will sing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah."

In the Sunday School there will be the annual election of officers, and in the evening the Radio-phon pictures will be shown, illustrating the Sunday School lessons of the year.

Golden Wedding

December nineteenth furnished a most pleasant event at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Drown on Gulf street, Johnson, it being the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

The day before, between twenty-five and thirty relatives gathered at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Drown, Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Greer; and on the morning of the nineteenth all met with Mr. and Mrs. Drown and family for the celebration, an old-fashioned "get-together." At one o'clock the relatives and a few friends sat at a long table and partook of the bounteous real old New England feast.

After the dinner, the bride and groom of fifty years were seated under an arch of gold and white decorations. Over them hung the inscription, '65-'15. Here they received the congratulations of relatives and friends. During the afternoon several friends in town called to extend sincere congratulations. The couple greatly appreciated this expression of respect and kindly feeling. Light refreshments were served, the table being presided over by Marianne Wilson.

Brief remarks were made and a prayer offered by Rev. F. W. Hazen of the Congregational church, after which the company gathered united in singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Later, letters were read from many relatives—from California, Brooklyn and Saratoga, New York, and other parts of the country.

The couple were the recipients of many valuable gifts, among these being about ninety dollars in gold.

The afternoon and evening was most enjoyably spent in visiting and recalling happy recollections of the fifty years past.

Among the number present were the sons, Carroll Drown, with his daughter, Laura, from Medway, Mass.; Harvey Drown and daughter, Gladys, from Newport; Mrs. Winnie Greer and granddaughter, Myrtle, and Josie Greer; Mr. Drown's sister, Mrs. J. L. Pierce of Johnson; Mrs. Drown's brother, William Howard of Morrisville, the only one of the number who was present at the wedding fifty years ago; Mrs. Vestella Drown, a sister-in-law, of Barre. Of the nieces, nephews and cousins present were, Mrs. Wilson and daughter, Marianne, of Troy; Mr. and Mrs. Azro Wilcox of Newport Center; Mrs. Linda Sanders and Mrs. Inez Barre, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Atkins and family of Dalton, N. H. The occasion was most pleasant and one to be long remembered. Such gatherings strengthen the ties of family and friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Drown have retained their faculties and vigor to a remarkable degree. Though Mrs. Drown is not strong, they are both active in their daily work about the home. Mr. and Mrs. Drown have led a life of hard work and exemplary service. Possessed of most sterling character of strong Puritanic principles, they have adhered strongly to their religious faith during these fifty years and more. They are still firm in their faith and hope to continue their work in the few remaining years that may be allotted them here, and patiently await the coming of their Master in the clouds of heaven.

Optimistic Thought.

A grateful mind is not only the greatest of virtues but the parent of all other virtues.

**High School Notes**

The three days examination period closed Tuesday noon. The Xmas recess will extend to Tuesday morning, Jan. 4. A movement is on foot to have the Alumni Banquet held this year at Easter instead of in June.

The cuts from the Electric City Engraving Co. for "The Johnsonian" have been received and are ready for the press. It is believed that "The Johnsonian" will be out on time—the first week in January. Remember the low price; less than the cost of publication; 50c a year. Send subscriptions to Business Mgr. Collins, '16.

The school has been very fortunate in securing Edward M. Washburn of the University of Vermont as hockey coach. He will accept nothing for his services, but will come as a guest of Mr. Davis. Mr. Washburn will have the job of taking a bunch of green boys who know almost nothing of hockey and making a team of them.

Make-up examinations for the work of the first term will be held Monday, Jan. 24, 1916.

The list of personal conferences announced during the examination period will not be posted until the beginning of next term.

Calendar of coming events:—Prize Speaking, Jan. 14; Interclass Debate, Jan. 21; Glee Club Concert, Jan. 28; First Hockey Game, Jan. 31.

The base ball schedule, by far the best we have ever had, will be published soon. Games have been scheduled with Montpelier Seminary, Montpelier High School, Spaulding High School, St. Albans High School, Brigham Academy, Peoples Academy, Essex Junction, Bellows Falls Academy and Jericho High School.

Graded School Exercises

Interesting Christmas exercises were given last Friday afternoon by the Graded School, when the following program was rendered:—

Prophecy, Grades VII and VIII,

Reply, "For Unto Us", Isa. 9-6

Nativity, Grades V and VIII,

Reply, "Fear Not", Luke, 10-4

"How Brave to Be a Christmas Star",

By Gladys Chaffee

Christmas Carol, Grades I and IV

The Song, "The Star and the Story",

Wilma Stearns

Followed by Scott and Siles, Grade V

"It Came on the Midnight Clear",

Chorus, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem",

Grades V and VIII

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing",

Grades V and VIII

"Three Kings Came Riding from Far",

Grace Elwood

"The First Christmas", Grades I and II

"Shine Out, Oh Blessed Star",

Grades I and IV

"Christmas Day"—Grades V and VIII—

Dickens's Christmas Carol, "God Bless It",

"Tell Me, Santa Claus",

Primary Boys' Class

Christmas Customs, "Oh, Christmas Tree",

Grade I

"The Yule Log",

Grace Parker

"Heap On More Wood",

Mildred Lambert

Christmas Bells, "The Chimes",

Doris Dodge, Grade VI

"He Heard the Bells",

Ida Patch, Grade VIII

"Ring Out the Old",

Evelyn Hill, Grade VIII

"Yet Ring, Glad Bells",

Rena Parker, Grade VIII

"Ring, Ye Bells",

Chorus

"Like Small Curled Feathers",

Grades V and VIII

Christmas Lesson.

Story Telling—"Giving Not Getting",

"All this Night Bright Heralds Sing",

Grades V and VIII

Had Taken Some Time.

Edith—"Miss Oldgirl says she has just reached the marriageable age." Marie—"You don't say. I wonder what delayed her."—Boston Transcript.

**WOLCOTT**

Renew your subscription early.

Miss Alzina Kusic is home from Morrisville.

Horace Woodmansee was in Johnson Monday.

Raymond Golden was in Morrisville Tuesday.

J. F. Little of Barre is the guest of his son, Clyde.

Cephas Boardman has returned here from Worcester.

L. C. Udall was a business visitor in Hardwick Tuesday.

Clare Wheeler is driving W. E. Foss' team for the winter.

Miss Mary Hubbell is home from St. Johnsbury for the holidays.

Mrs. John Preman of Morrisville spent Sunday at "Twin Cliff" farm.

Mrs. John Poof passed Sunday with her husband in St. Johnsbury.

Christmas tree and exercises at the M. E. church next Friday evening.

Frank Doying and wife of Worcester were visitors in town over Sunday.

G. R. Bickford and wife will pass Christmas with relatives in Swanton.

Ormal Hubbard and Archie Bullard returned home from Virginia Saturday.

H. I. Randall, R. M. Hubbell and Almon Bruce were in Hyde Park Monday.

Mrs. Clara Pinney Leach has purchased a new sleigh of Johnson parties.

Dr. Cooper and family will spend Christmas with relatives in Burlington.

Charles Dimick was in East Hardwick Monday, visiting his brother, Albert Dimick.

Archie Fisher has concluded his engagement in Worcester and is working for Fred Grant.

Mrs. M. A. Albee was the guest of her niece, Mrs. S. J. Thomas, in Hardwick the first of the week.

W. L. Tillotson of Burlington has been a recent visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Tillotson.

E. L. Noyes has completed his expert bookkeeping work at Haskell's store and returned to Hyde Park.

H. I. Randall has purchased a new Poole piano from Bailey's Music Rooms in Hardwick for his home.

W. O. Davis and wife, James Belmont and wife and E. C. Judd returned home from Montpelier the first of the week.

W. E. Barter and wife were called to Richford the last of the week to attend the funeral of the latter's father, N. E. Smith.

J. E. Wheeler, Jr., comes out with a new enclosed rig for his mail route, which is strictly up-to-date and affords ample protection to the mail and carrier alike.

Eden

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Mower are entertaining Nathan Allen of Rochester, N. Y.

The young people, who are attending schools out of town, are all at home for the holidays.

Everyone is invited to attend the Concert and Xmas tree at the church at the Corners Friday evening. There is also to be a tree at the Mills church, to which people in that part of the town are invited to attend.

Dangerous Idea.

The man who comes into the world with the notion that he is really going to instruct in matters of the highest importance may thank his stars if he escape with a whole skin.—Schopenhauer.

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**H. WAITE & SON, Morrisville****Itihel Falls**

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Larave Dec. 13.

School closes this week for the Christmas vacation of one week.

Florence Davis is ill of throat trouble and unable to attend school.

Mr. add Mrs. Minor of Bakersfield were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Davis over Sunday.

O. E. Sargent passed last week with friends in Worcester, Mass., and also attended the Roads' Congress held there.

Mrs. Fred Woods and son, John, have gone to Walden to spend the winter. Mr. Woods has had employment there for some time.

Waterville

Rev. G. A. Smith preached an excellent Christmas sermon Dec. 17.

Mrs. Arthur Chandler of Belvidere visited at W. Chandler's last week.

Robert Willey of Greensboro is a guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Edna Willey.

Mrs. Ann Leach of Bakersfield is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Heber Jackson.

Azro Brown of Belvidere visited his daughter, Mrs. Clyde Carr, over Sunday.

School in No. 4 has a week's vacation, and the teacher, Miss Coral Richardson, has gone to her home in Wolcott.

There will be a Community Xmas tree at the town hall, Friday evening, Dec. 24. Let everybody attend and help make it a pleasant affair.

At the last regular meeting of the Knights of Pythias the following officers were elected:—C. C. H. F. Beard; V. C., G. U. Thomas; Prelate, Rev. G. A. Smith; M. of W., F. J. Beard; K. of R., S. W. P. Smith; M. of E., G. H. Beard; M. of E. II, A. Jackson; M. at A., G. A. Mann; I. G., F. N. Stevens; O. G., Otis Haire.

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The Stockholders of the LAMOILLE COUNTY SAVINGS BANK &amp; TRUST COMPANY of Hyde Park are hereby notified that their annual meeting for the choice of Trustees will be held at their banking rooms in Hyde Park on TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1916, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Per order of Trustees.

F. M. CULVER, Treasurer.

**Stockholders' Meeting**

The Stockholders of the LAMOILLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK of Hyde Park are hereby notified that their annual meeting for the choice of Directors will be held at their banking rooms in Hyde Park on TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1916, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Per order of Directors.

H. A. NOYES, Cashier.